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OTTO OCTAVIUS, the villain known as DOCTOR OCTOPUS, was dying. In order to cheat death, he used his skills as a mad scientist to swap minds with his greatest enemy, PETER PARKER, the spectacular SPIDER-MAN.
However, the transfer gave Octavius MORE than just SPIDER-MAN'S great powers, it gave him PARKER'S experiences as well… including the lesson of great responsibility! Now Otto Octavius is beginning a NEW life as a hero—possibly the greatest hero of all. He is the--

THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN

MAX DILLON was an engineer who was electrocuted while repairing a power line. The shock caused a mutation within his body that turned him into a human electrical capacitor. He turned to a life of crime, calling himself…

ELECTRO

There is only one God of Thunder and he is known as…

THE MIGHTY THOR

PREVIOUSLY...

Several months ago, The Avengers fought the Sinister Six. When Electro took the form of pure electricity, Thor used his hammer to absorb the villain like lightning and shoot him into space. It broke Aroldis Chapman's record for the world's fastest pitch. Electro has not been seen since.

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Days Ago.
FAR ROCKAWAY, QUEENS.
KRAAACK!
NYAAAAH!

HOW...? HOW DID I GET HERE...

THOR!
I'M GONNA KILL HIM. I'M GONNA--

KRA-KOOOM!

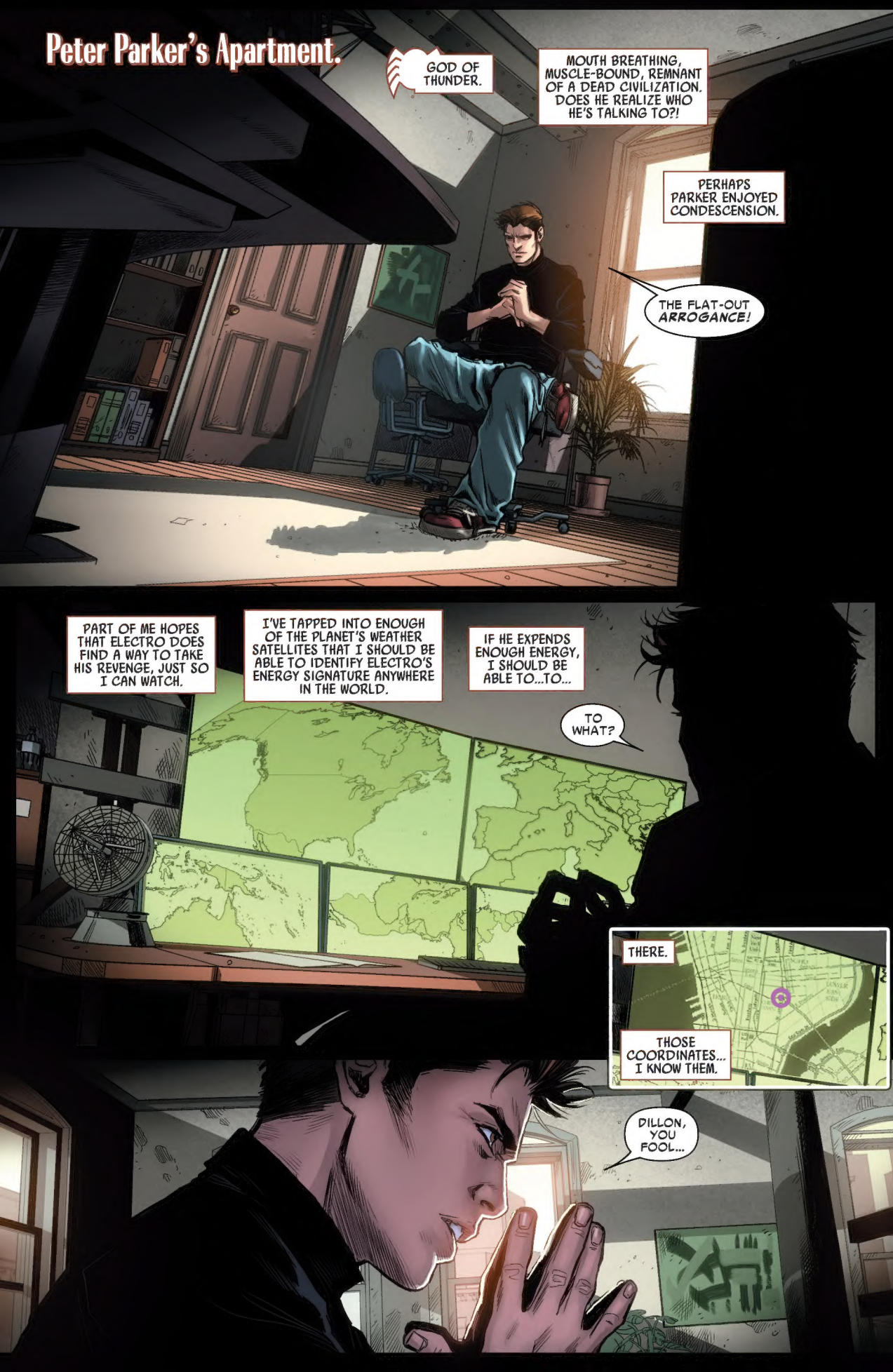
I KNEW THIS DAY WAS COMING.
THE ENGERY SIGNATURE THAT LED ME HERE IS UNMISTAKABLE...

...WELCOME BACK, ELECTRO.

Now.
MANHATTAN.
MAX DILLON IS NOT THE SMARTEST MAN ON EARTH, BUT HE MAY BE ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL.
AS DOCTOR OCTOPUS, I WORKED WITH HIM A NUMBER OF TIMES AS PART OF MY "SINISTER SIX." AND AN EQUAL NUMBER OF TIMES HE'S EITHER FAILED ME OR BETRAYED ME.
THE MAN CAN TRANSFORM INTO PURE ELECTRICITY, A HUMAN LIGHTNING BOLT.
TO THINK WHAT HE COULD ACCOMPLISH IF HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER THE SIZE OF MANHATTAN.
I'M SURE IT DOESN'T HELP THAT I...HE WAS CONSTANTLY DEFEATED BY SPIDER-MAN.
BUT DURING OUR LAST OUTING AGAINST THE AVENGERS, ELECTRO WAS NOT JUST DEFEATED...
HE WAS SHOWN WHAT TRUE POWER IS WHEN HE FACED THE MIGHTY THOR, A BEING WHO CAN CONTROL LIGHTNING.
THOR HUMILIATED HIM.
SURELY ELECTRO KNOWS BETTER THAN TO TAKE HIM ON AGAIN?

Secret Base Of A.I.M..
A.K.A. ADVANCED IDEA MECHANICS.
SO? CAN YOU DO IT OR NOT?
ONE MOMENT.
YES, MISTER DILLON.
WE CAN HELP YOU KILL THOR.

HAHA HAHAHA HA!
Avengers Tower.
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY...
...YOU ARROGANT OAF!
NO, INDEED I AM NOT. BUT I THANK YOU FOR THIS MOMENT OF LAUGHTER, IT WAS MUCH NEEDED AFTER RECENT DAYS.
YOU SHOULDN'T UNDERESTIMATE ELECTRO. HE'S POWERFUL, HE'S MOTIVATED, AND HE WON'T STOP UNTIL--
SPIDER-MAN, PLEASE.
I AM THE GOD OF THUNDER.
LIGHTNING, AS ELECTRO LEARNED, OBEYS MY EVERY COMMAND.
I HAVE AS MUCH TO FEAR FROM HIM AS I DO THE RAIN. WHICH IS TO SAY, NOTHING AT ALL.
REMOVE YOUR HAND.
SPIDER-MAN?
YOU KNOW WHAT? THIS WAS A WASTE OF MY TIME. I'M SURE YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
IT'S NOT LIKE THE SINISTER SIX TOOK YOU DOWN OR ANYTHING.
OH, WAIT.
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT...
...YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT WITH ELECTRO.
GOOD LUCK, HAMMER HEAD.


Peter Parker's Apartment.
GOD OF THUNDER.
MOUTH BREATHING, MUSCLE-BOUND, REMNANT OF A DEAD CIVILIZATION. DOES HE REALIZE WHO HE'S TALKING TO?!
PERHAPS PARKER ENJOYED CONDESCENSION.
THE FLAT-OUT ARROGANCE!
PART OF ME HOPES THAT ELECTRO DOES FIND A WAY TO TAKE HIS REVENGE, JUST SO I CAN WATCH.
I'VE TAPPED INTO ENOUGH OF THE PLANET'S WEATHER SATELLITES THAT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY ELECTRO'S ENERGY SIGNATURE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.
IF HE EXPENDS ENOUGH ENERGY, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO...TO...
TO WHAT?
THERE.
THOSE COORDINATES... I KNOW THEM.
DILLON, YOU FOOL...

"...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?"
LET'S DO THIS!
ELECTRO, YOU NEED TO BE AWARE... SUCH A RADICAL CHANGE ON A SUBATOMIC LEVEL COULD HAVE *SEVERE* CONSEQUENCES.
THIS PROCESS WILL CONVERT YOUR ENERGY FORM FROM *ELECTRONS* TO *PROTONS*, THE SAME AS DURING A MASSIVE DISCHARGE OF LIGHTNING. GAMMA RADIATION, WAVES OF PROTONS...
WILL I BE ABLE TO KILL THOR?
YES, THEORETICALLY, BUT--
HE'S TRYING TO TELL YOU THAT THE PROCESS COULD KILL *YOU* AS WELL.
WHATEVER.
AS LONG AS I TAKE HIM WITH ME.

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$K=\frac{1}{2}M-V^2$
$F=\frac{GM+1M^2}{R^2}$
$M=2K+R^2$
HEY! THAT'S TOTALLY RIGHT!
OF COURSE IT IS.
THE ADVANCED IDEA MECHANICS...A CARTEL OF SCIENTISTS DEDICATED TO WORLD DOMINATION. THEY'VE DONE SOME COMPETENT WORK, BUT THEIR MINDS ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO MINE.
ELECTRO HAS WORKED WITH A.I.M. IN THE PAST, WHAT HE'S DOING HERE NOW, THOUGH...
HIS NEED FOR POWER IS FUELED BY HIS INFERIORITY COMPLEX. IF HE'S LITERALLY MADE A DEAL WITH THESE DEVILS...
...THE QUESTION BECOMES, AT WHAT COST?

ELECTRO!
AH. THERE YOU ARE.
NNNYYEAARGHH!
DEAR GOD.
IT'S...IT'S A QUANTUM FIELD GENERATOR.
THAT'S...THAT'S ACTUALLY QUITE IMPRESSIVE. BUT WHY WOULD--?
OH, NO.
KRA-KOOOOM!
THOOOARR!
WELL...
...AT LEAST I KNOW WHERE HE'S GOING.

McManus' Irish Pub.
NEW YORK CITY.
HOORAAAY!
Toilets
--AND ONCE I'D REMOVED THE CREATURE'S HEAD FROM ITS NECK...
...VICTORY WAS OURS!
INN KEEPER--!
ANOTHER!
KSHH!
AND THEN I'LL TELL YOU THE TALE OF MY DEFEAT OF THE MIDGARD--
THOR!
SPIDER-MAN?
I TRACKED YOU DOWN WITH YOUR AVENGERS ID CARD...YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.
AND WHY IS THAT?
ELECTRO'S COMING. HE'S COMING AFTER YOU.
AND?
YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME! HE'S UNDERGONE A QUANTUM CONVERSION, IF MY ANALYSIS IS RIGHT--
YOUR ANALYSIS, SPIDER-MAN, MEANS NOTHING. BECAUSE ELECTRO MEANS NOTHING.
NOW RUN ALONG. I HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN LISTEN TO YOUR BLEATING--

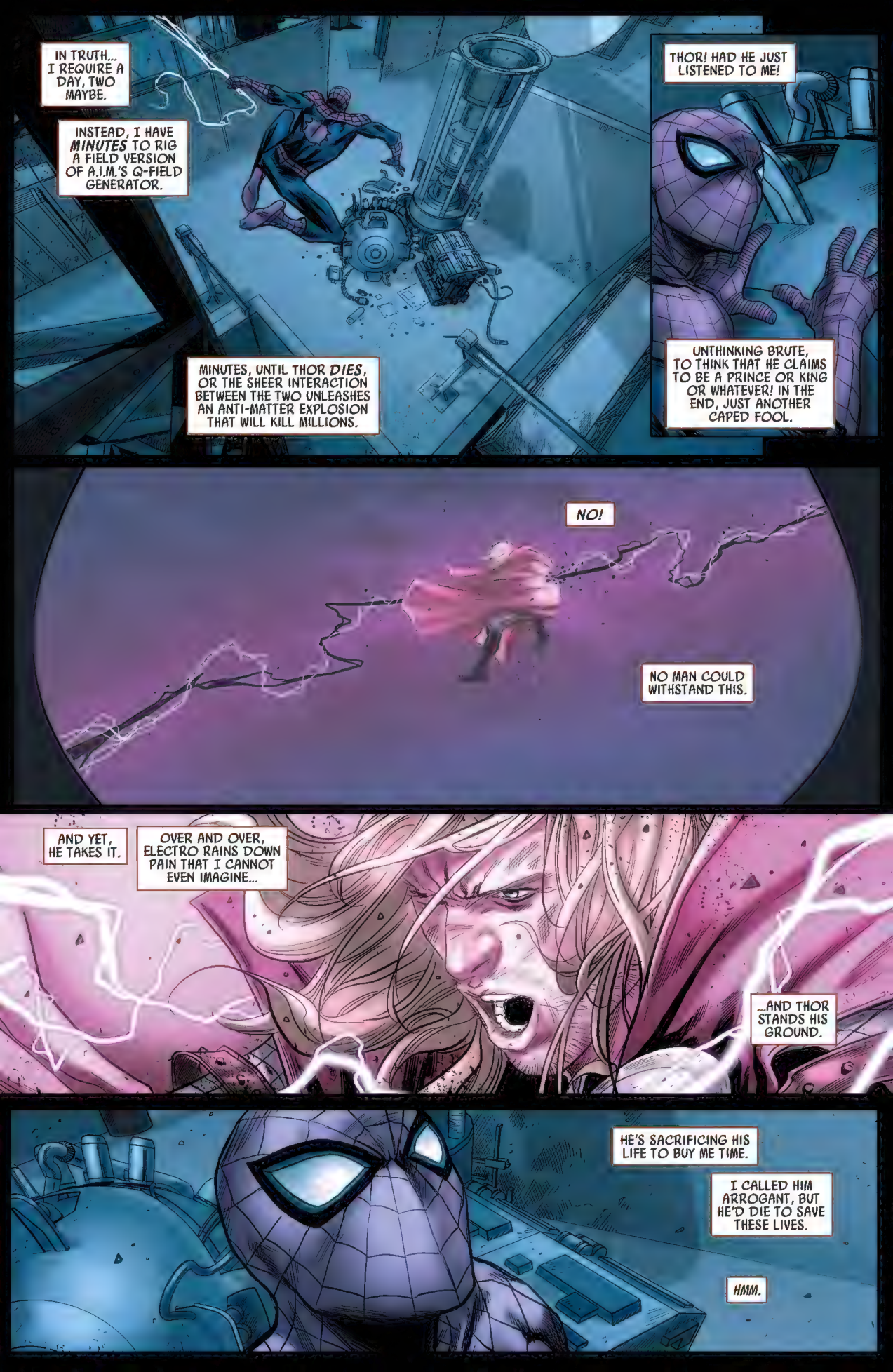
TO BE FAIR...
...I WARNED HIM.
MYEAAARGH!
KRA-KOOOOM!

THAT LOOKS PAINFUL. THANK YOU, SPIDER-SENSE.
HOW... HOW IS THIS-- RRRAA!
HOW DO YOU LIKE ME NOW?!
QUITE A BIT, ACTUALLY. ASIDE FROM ALMOST DYING BY HIS HAND, I'M ACTUALLY ALMOST...PROUD.
HAD HE ONLY SHOWN THIS KIND OF INITIATIVE WORKING WITH THE SINISTER SIX...
YOU LAUGHED AT ME. YOU TREATED ME LIKE I WAS NOTHING!
BUT NOW... NOW YOU'LL SEE.
I AM ELECTRO!
AND I AM YOUR DEATH!
I HAVE HAD ENOUGH!
I CAST YOU OUT BEFORE, VILLAIN, I SHALL DO SO--

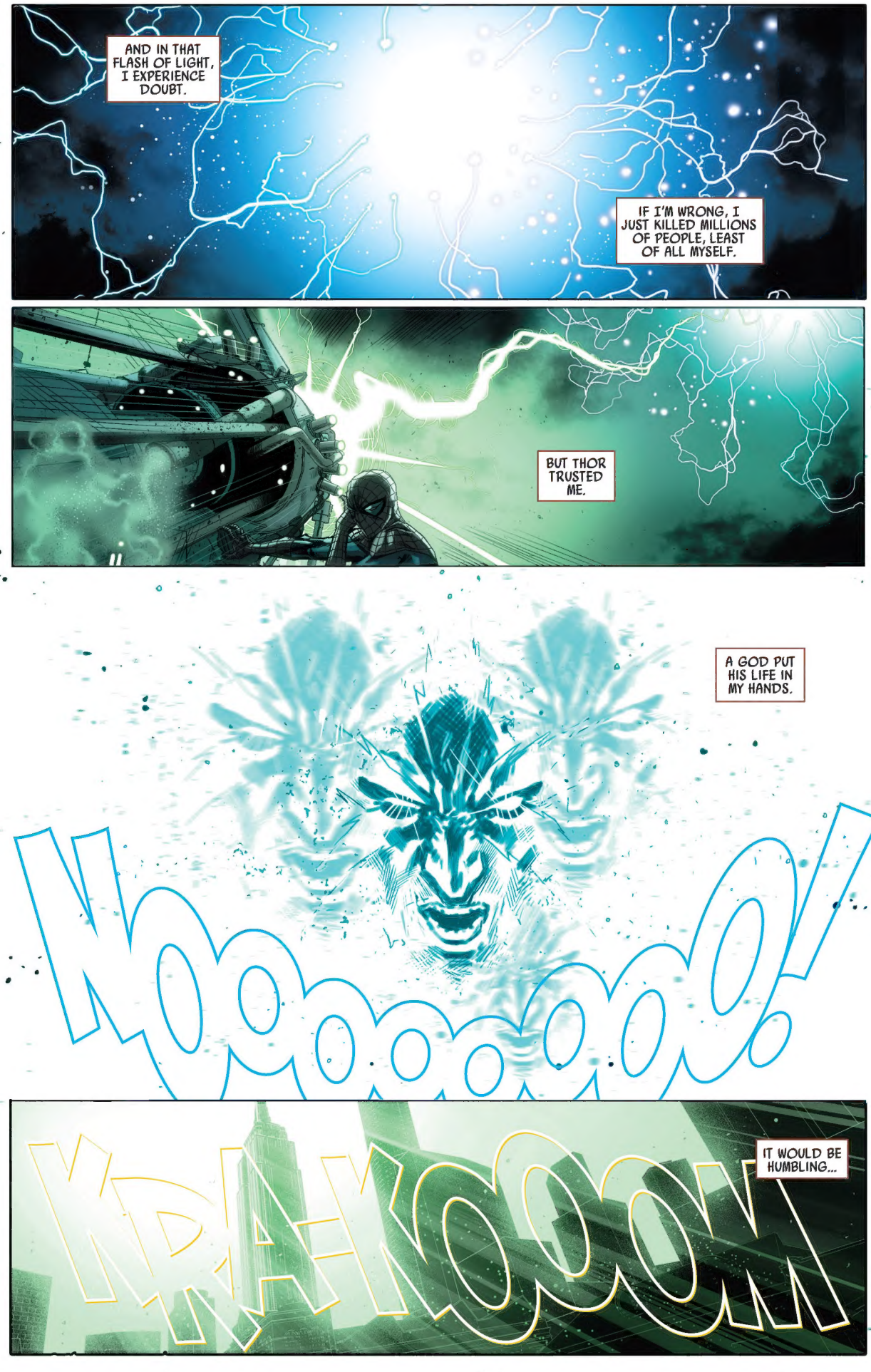
BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
BUT YOU ARE.
HE DID IT. A.I.M. DID IT, RATHER. FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, THEY FOUND A WAY TO CREATE AN ANTI-MATTER VERSION OF ELECTRO--
OH, NO. THEY FOUND A WAY TO KILL US ALL, THE IDIOTS.
ELECTRO, STOP! WHAT A.I.M. DID TO YOU, IT'S DANGEROUS! YOU HAVE TO LET ME--
--AGAIN?
THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, BLONDIE? MAGIC TRICKS NOT WORKING?
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I NEED TO DO AT THE MOMENT, SPIDER-MAN.
AND WHEN I'M DONE, YOU'RE NEXT.
SHRACK!

CRASH!
NO ONE LISTENS.
NOT ELECTRO...
YOU WISH TO HAVE POWER, MORTAL? IS THAT IT?
THEN I SHALL SHOW YOU POWER.
I SHALL SHOW YOU TRUE LIGHTNING.
...AND CERTAINLY NOT THOR.
NO!
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?
YOU CAN'T FIGHT HIM, NOT LIKE THIS!
LET GO OF ME, OR--
UHNN!
SHRAAK
LISTEN TO ME! HE'S BEEN TURNED INTO AN ANTI-MATTER VERSION OF HIMSELF!
IF HE TAKES A DIRECT HIT OF ELECTRICITY, THERE'S A CHANCE THE PROTONS AND ELECTRONS WILL COLLIDE, CAUSING--
--ANNIHILATION.
HMPH. FOR A VIKING, HE KNOWS HIS NUCLEAR PHYSICS.

IF HE WERE TO EXPLODE, HOW MUCH ENERGY WOULD BE RELEASED?
ENOUGH TO WIPE OUT NEW YORK.
THE ENTIRE CITY?
STATE. NEW YORK STATE.
THIS COULD THEORETICALLY BE MY FAULT, AS I AM THE ONE THAT UNLEASHED HIM AGAINST THOR IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WHAT HE DOES NOW IS MY RESPONSIBILITY.
THAT'S IT, RUN!
NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, I CAN FIND YOU, THOR! I CAN FEEL YOU...THE ELECTRICITY COURSING THROUGH YOU...
I OWN YOU!
DAMN YOU, PARKER.
YOU ARE A SCIENTIST, ARE YOU NOT? DO YOU HAVE A WAY TO DEAL WITH THIS?
THE LAB THAT DID THIS TO HIM, I WAS THERE. I DEALT WITH THE MEN WHO DID IT, AND TOOK A FEW COMPONENTS FROM THEIR LAB.
I NEED TIME.
THEN TIME YOU SHALL HAVE.

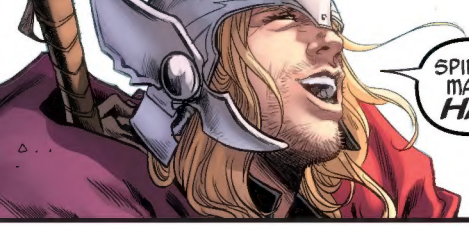

IN TRUTH... I REQUIRE A DAY, TWO MAYBE.
INSTEAD, I HAVE MINUTES TO RIG A FIELD VERSION OF A.I.M.'S Q-FIELD GENERATOR.
MINUTES, UNTIL THOR DIES, OR THE SHEER INTERACTION BETWEEN THE TWO UNLEASHES AN ANTI-MATTER EXPLOSION THAT WILL KILL MILLIONS.
THOR! HAD HE JUST LISTENED TO ME!
UNTHINKING BRUTE, TO THINK THAT HE CLAIMS TO BE A PRINCE OR KING OR WHATEVER! IN THE END, JUST ANOTHER CAPED FOOL.
NO!
NO MAN COULD WITHSTAND THIS.
AND YET, HE TAKES IT.
OVER AND OVER, ELECTRO RAINS DOWN PAIN THAT I CANNOT EVEN IMAGINE...
...AND THOR STANDS HIS GROUND.
HE'S SACRIFICING HIS LIFE TO BUY ME TIME.
I CALLED HIM ARROGANT, BUT HE'D DIE TO SAVE THESE LIVES.
HMM.

YES!
MY GENIUS AMAZES EVEN ME.
THOR! YOU WANTED TO BLAST ELECTRO?! NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!
YOU SAID IT WOULD CAUSE--
FOR ASGARD! YOU FOOL!
SO BE IT.
ELECTRO! PREPARE YOURSELF!
COME ON! COME ON!


AND IN THAT FLASH OF LIGHT, I EXPERIENCE DOUBT.
IF I'M WRONG, I JUST KILLED MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, LEAST OF ALL MYSELF.
BUT THOR TRUSTED ME.
A GOD PUT HIS LIFE IN MY HANDS.
Nooooo!
KRA-KOOOM
IT WOULD BE HUMBLING...

...IF IT WERE NOT SO APPROPRIATE.
HNNN...
THOR...
...I'VE GOT YOU.
IF ALL OF THIS DID NOT PROVE THAT I AM THOR'S BETTER!
WHAT...WHAT HAPPENED? WE LIVE...
AT THE POINT OF ANNIHILATION, I WAS ABLE TO REDIRECT THE ENERGY WITH A.I.M.'S GENERATOR.
I SUSPECT IT WAS QUITE A SHOW FROM SPACE.
AND ELECTRO?
HIS ENERGY FORM'S PROTONS WERE DESTROYED. ANY ELECTRONS THAT SURVIVED DISPERSED.
HMPH. VILLAIN OR NOT, ELECTRO WAS A WORTHY FOE. YET YOU SPEAK OF HIM AS IF HE WERE A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED.
I SHOULD HAVE HEEDED YOUR WARNING, SPIDER-MAN...IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. BUT YOUR MANNER IS DISRESPECTFUL.
I UNDERESTIMATED THOR.
I SAW HIM AS NOTHING MORE THAN AN ARROGANT, BRUTISH FOOL.
AND THOUGH THAT'S ALL TRUE...

...HE WAS WILLING TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF FOR THE PEOPLE HE PROTECTS.
Doc Ock's Underwater Lab.
BATTERY PARK.
WHAT AM I WILLING TO DO?
THE DAY WILL COME WHEN I WILL HAVE TO ASK MYSELF THAT QUESTION.
HOW FAR AM I WILLING TO GO...
...TO GET WHAT I WANT?
Next: In Dreams.



AVENGING SPIDER-MAN

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ALSO THIS MONTH:

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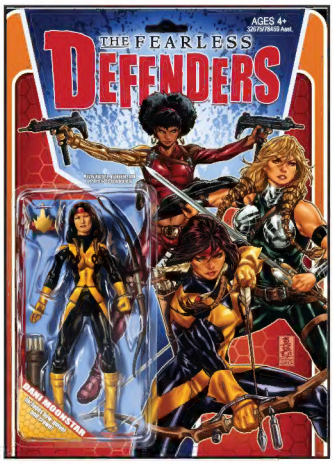

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